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Spray receives Earth Day finance package from USDA to construct wastewater collection, treatment system

April 22, 2004--Spray today received a \$625,000 loan and a \$825,000 grant from USDA Rural Development through its Rural Utilities Service water and waste disposal programs. The funds will be used to construct a city wastewater collection and treatment system.

The financial package was announced today by Lynn Schoessler, Oregon state director for USDA Rural Development. “The money is an investment by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to help maintain the quality of life that residents of Spray and the residents of rural Oregon now enjoy.” Schoessler said.

Homes and businesses in Spray currently use individual on-site septic tanks for wastewater treatment and disposal. Small lots, shallow soils, high permeability, and high seasonal groundwater have caused systems to fail or operate poorly, and many vacant lots in the city are unsuitable for conventional on-site septic systems.

The proposed wastewater collection portion of the project consists of a centralized conventional gravity and site treatment effluent pump system. The wastewater treatment will include a lagoon and recirculating sand filter.

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